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Sir:

The following sets forth a concise explanation, as presently understood by the individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) as most knowledgeable about the content of the information, of each patent listed that is not in the English language.

*DE 199 08 902*

DE 199 08 902 discloses a sealing profile for a building door, wherein the sealing profile is attached to the exterior of the base of the door to serve as a rain guide and illuminating strip. The seal 4' is disposed in the circular recess 20 to allow the seal to oscillate back and forth, to reduce damage during opening and closing of the door against the sill 3.

*DE 198 41 180*

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*FR 2 356 961*

FR 2 356 961 is believed to include an elongate wave guide having a reflective inner surface such that light introduced at one end of the tube is internally reflected to a receiver at a distal end of the tube, wherein the tube construction is separate from a flange-engaging portion. Thus, the wave guide does not emit light, but is believed to be used as a anti-finger trap constructions.

*FR 2 732 927*

FR 2 732 927 is believed to disclose a window seal forming a sliding guide for the glass of the window. The profile carries a longitudinal wave guide (5). The seal is made from elastomer and elastomer material, and the wave guide is formed either by a matrix in the elastomer or by a multi-mode optic fiber wave guide. The seal has a "U" shaped profile with the wave guide installed in the outer end of the arms of the U. The propagation characteristics of the wave guide are altered by pressure exerted on the seal and monitoring of the signal injected at one end detects changes. The supply to the window winder drive motor is controlled by detected changes. Thus, the wave guide does not emit light but rather appears to be used as a anti-finger trap constructions.

Respectfully submitted,



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